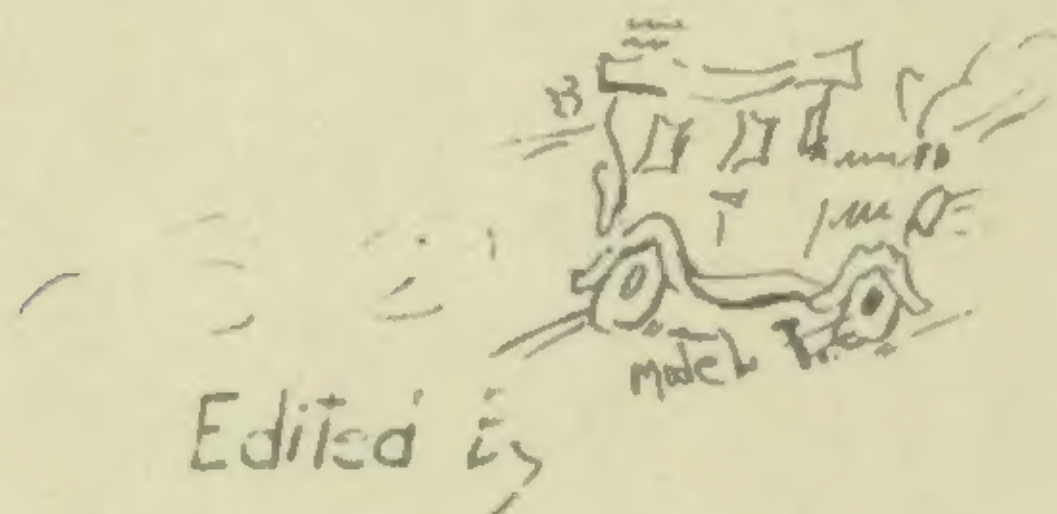




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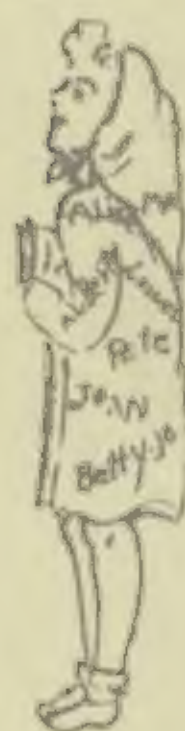


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Harold Ray Decker joined the navy on March 3, 1944. He took his boot training at Farragut, Idaho and since finishing has been stationed at different points in the United States.

Robert Van Ryswyk enlisted in the navy during the summer of 1944. He left for service on September 17 and received his boot training at Farragut, Idaho.

DEDICATION

To the boys in the service, who are giving all for their country, we, in appreciation, dedicate this "Fleinsmen".

FACULTY

WILKER WILLSON

Degree B. A. Degree, Iowa State College; M. A. Degree, Iowa University

Subjects Taught Industrial Arts; General Science; Sociology; Coaching

Favorite Subject Sociology

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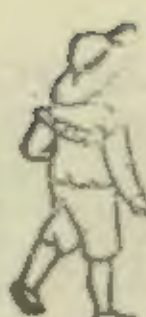
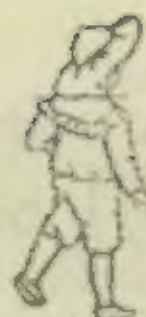
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Grades Taught Seventh and Eighth

Favorite Subjects Reading, Arithmetic



CLASS HISTORY



On a bright sunny day on September 5, 1932 thirty-one eager, open-eyed children faced their new teacher, Miss Florence Gittinger for their first day of learning. Of the thirty-one, eleven of the original class remained to graduate in 1945, namely; Elise Buitenwerf, Joan DeWit, Cecil Fifer, Clarence Gilbert, John Barry Kane, Lowell McFadden, Lawrence McFadden, Keith McFadden, Harold Roberts, Harold Timmons and Raymond Steenhoek.

In '41 we started our first year in Prairie City High School with thirty-five new classmates: Ralph Birkenholtz, Marjorie Briles, Betty Buckingham, Elise Buitenwerf, Harold Dalton, Wanda Lea De Bruyn, Lester De Vries, Joan De Wit, Cecil Fifer, Clarence Gilbert, Pete Gulling, Ray Decker, Nettie Helm, Thayne Jack, Wayne Kain, John Barry Kane, Keith McFadden, Lawrence McFadden, Lowell McFadden, Henry Plate, Ronald Riley, Harold Roberts, Audrey Schackelford, Marcia Ann Schuttinga, Irene Steenhoek, Raymond Steenhoek, Marilyn Strain, Harold Timmons, Joe Timmins, Wendall Travis, Robert Vanderhart, Alberta VanHorn, Robert VanRyswyk, Wilbur Van Ryswyk, and Joan Van Zee.

In the fall of '42 twenty-nine scholars, who had lost some of their timidity and gained some dignity, started their sophomore year. Six of our former classmates didn't return.

We began the junior year with everyone except Henry Plate, Irene Steenhoek, and Pete Gulling. Thus we ended the junior year with great anticipation of the coming school term.

This brings us to the close of thirteen laborious but enjoyable years. The graduates of the year are: Marjorie Briles, Betty Buckingham, Elise Buitenwerf, Harold Dalton, Wanda Lea De Bruyn, Robert De Koek, Lester DeVries, Joan DeWit, Cecil Fifer, Clarence Gilbert, Nettie Helm, John Barry Kane, Lawrence McFadden, Lowell McFadden, Keith McFadden, Harold Roberts, Marcia Ann Schuttinga, Raymond Steenhoek, Harold Timmons, Joe Timmins, Robert Vanderhart, Alberta Van Horn, Wilbur Van Ryswyk, and Gerard Vander Leest.

MARJORIE B. HILLS
 Nickname: Marj
 CGC 1,2,3; Mixed

is happy all the
 while."



DA LEA DE BRUYN
 Nickname: Brownie
 CGC 1,2,3; Band 1,
 "She prefers the
 SINATRA being her
 favorite."



hard to look back
 we can't keep to-
 morrow from com-
 ing."

LESTER DE VRIES
 Nickname: Les
 "He's a different
 kind of gentleman
 --an Intellig-ent!"



LISE MITCHELL
 Nickname: L i s e
 CGC 1; Mixed
 1,2; Declam 1; Band
 1,2,3,4; CG 1,2,3,
 4; Pianist 2,3,4.
 "There is a sparkle
 of humor in her
 eyes, like a flit
 light, ready at any
 moment to ignite a
 flame."

JOAN DE WIT
 Nickname: Jo
 CGC 1,2,3,4; Mixed
 Cho. 2,3; Sextet 4;
 Band 1,2,3,4; BB 4;
 Declam 1.
 "She has a one-
 track mind and
 there's always a
 troop train or it!"



CECIL FIFER
 Nickname: F i f e r
 BGC 1,2,3,4; Mixed
 Cho. 1,2,3,4; Boys
 Quartet 1,2,3,4;
 Class play 3; De-
 clam 1; Band 1,2;
 Madrigal 1.
 "We must find out
 what life demands
 of us and then
 train ourselves to
 fill these demands!"

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 train ourselves to
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RAYMOND STLENHOEK
 Nickname: P e t e
 Football 1,3,4; BB
 1,2,3,4; Baseball
 "The cutie pie of
 P. C. High."



GERARD VANDERLEEST
 Nickname: J a k e
 Baseball 2.
 "Much study is
 weariness to the
 flesh: that's why
 I'm never tired."

HAROLD TIMMONS
 Nickname: Timmy
 BGC 1,2; Mixed Cho.
 1,2; Boys Quartet
 1,2; Band 1,2;
 Football 4; BB 4;
 Baseball 2.
 "I like the shy
 demure type--you
 know the kind you
 have to whistle at
 twice."



ALBERTA VAN HORN
 Nickname: B e r t
 GGC 1,2,3,4; Mixed
 Cho. 2,3; Band 1,
 2,3,4; Clarinet
 Quartet 1,2,3,4;
 Sextet 4; Class
 play 3.
 "Chatter, chatter
 as I go, I am si-
 lent never for men
 may come and men
 may go but I go on
 forever."

J O E TIMMONS
 Nickname: Hairless
 Joe
 BGC 1,2,3; Mixed
 Cho. 2,3; Football
 1,3,4.
 "I like the nega-
 tive type of girl
 --you never know
 what will develop!"



WILBUR VAN RYSWYK
 Nickname: Cruiser
 BGC 1; Mixed Cho.
 1; Class play 3;
 Baseball 2.
 "I'll be glad to
 convoy a girl home
 --any girl!"

ROBERT VANDERHART
 Nickname: Hearst
 BGC 1,2,3,4; Mixed
 Cho. 1,2,3,4; Band
 1; Class play 3;
 Football 1,4; BB 3.
 "A cross between
 Frankie and Bing,
 the gals really
 think he can sing!"



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Senior Class of [unclear] City [unclear], [unclear] of [unclear] mind and memory, do make, [unclear], and [unclear] the [unclear] and Testament:

Gerard Vander [unclear] wills his [unclear] to [unclear] [unclear].
Lawrence Mc Fadden wills his ability to sit in the [unclear] of the assembly and [unclear] his own [unclear] to [unclear] [unclear].
Marjorie Briles wills her [unclear] to [unclear] [unclear] who "aspire".

Paymond Steenhoek leaves his [unclear] to [unclear] [unclear], who can really use it.

Harold Timmons wills his [unclear] to [unclear] [unclear].
Alberta VanHorn wills her [unclear] to [unclear] [unclear].
Wilbur Van Eyswyk and Robert Vander [unclear] will their "party loyalty" to good politicians.

Nettie Helm wills her ability as a columnist to some unfortunate junior.

Joe Timmins wills his ability to [unclear] school to all good students who never thought of such thing.

Betty Jo Buckingham wills her acting ability to Lola Larinus (with her glamour she should rate very well).

Marcia Ann wills her [unclear] "A" Ford to her sister, Necla, to drive to school next year.

John Barry Kane and Keith McFadden leave their "T" to anyone who can make it run-----they don't have too much luck.

Wanda Lea DeBryun leaves her artistic ability in drawing to all who have a "yen" for such pleasures.

Joan DeWit wills her carefree ways to all the do [unclear].

Clarence Gilbert leaves his football suit to George Patterson-----think it will fit George?

Elise Buitenwerf wills her ability to play the piano to the future accompanist of the music groups.

Cecil Fifer wills his vocabulary to Dwight Jac.

Harold Roberts and Lowell Mc Fadden will their "way with the Colfax girls" to Warren Fay bocher.

Bob De Koc wills his ability to play his trombone to Joan Honnold.

Lester DeVries wills his ability to work physics problems to the "Willing to Learn".

Harold Dalton wills his ability to be late to school in the morning to some early soul.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereinto set our hand and seal on this the 10th day of May, 1945 A. D.

CLASS PROPHECY

This is your man on the street speaking from Prairie City,

"I did. I appointed the committees of Appropriations, Deco-
everything else to make this day unforgettable.

Thank you, Mayor. Now we have a young lady beside us. She

What can you say for yourself Miss?

"Ain't got much time. M'names Betty Jo Buckingham, jest call
doo--Oh, Clarence, Clarence Gilbert.

Yep, my pop told me to. My pop is Harold Timmons the Watkins man who sells vanilla, spices and and and--

wait a minute, boy. This can't be a commercial. What is that
christian for, I said. It is that little tragedy
artist, James Earl Ray, who is off to my
right I see the famous assassin, or at least, and his
secret, 'ate the powder'. He is the secret
killer to be a real villain, who he used to miss school
frequently.

where we can get a word from their report. That is this, "The Sunday School Florio"

"I'm sorry, I'm Marcia, sister of the left. I'm not a Ryan's
son. I'm not a Ryan's son. I'm not a Ryan's son. I'm not a Ryan's son."

...of course, 'natch. ... you're working for health, I have not heard from him since he made his first million.... Hey! watch out, mister; can't you see this is a mike?

"Well, excuse me--I'm Lawrence Hollan, and I'm looking for
 little Helen of the Palm-Strim-Hol-Deen. She promise' to set
 me a wife in two days--so long!"

... well, we had a little accident. Two women drivers col-
lided. One was Marjorie Briles, taxi driver, and the other was
the girl I remember as Alberta Van Horn, now a Prairie City house
wife.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, I must be going now, for here come the street cleaners. I wouldn't move but you see they're my little, little, little and Harold, still sweeping through life together.

His is your announcer J. E. Kane signing off for the Trah
edney Vitamin Pills---s-s-elled Backwards the Vander Hart Cure All
Company. So Long!



JUNIOR CLASS

There are twenty members in the junior class, with Miss Lindgren as their sponsor. Cliver Elrod is acting president, Beverly Bauer, vice-president, and Ramona Wiggins, secretary-treasurer.

Their activities include: the class play, "Professor, How Could You?" presented October 27 and 28, the Junior-Senior Banquet, and a class party every month.

Front Row: M. Harmison, J. Hannold, B. Bauer, J. Footwright, R. Wiggins, J. Van Zee, F. Trombley

Center Row: M. Schuttinga, E. Osborn, N. Roorda, D. Calvert, M. Gertsma, E. Beerends, S. Shawhan

Back Row: Miss Lindgren (sponsor), O. Elrod, D. Steenhoek, M. Pulver, C. Colston, W. Stravers



SOPHOMORE CLASS

There are thirty-nine members in the sophomore class with Mr. Colston as their sponsor. Richard Charles is acting president, Mary Lou McFadden, vice-president, and Beverly Stravers, secretary-treasurer.

Front Row: P. Roorda, L. Vande Lune, P. Nelson, P. Arskine, L. Straver, M. McFadden, E. Schakel, P. Cosby, J. Anyart

Second Row: J. Roorda, M. Schuttinga, E. Trombley, A. Schippers, K. Vanderhart, C. Van Arkel, I. Munsicker, A. Fuller, E. Lecker, J. Krohn

Third Row: J. Frank, R. Charles, M. VanderKraan, F. Reiney, R. de Bruyn, E. Ross, E. Wooddell, K. Herken, K. Stamper, D. Zinert, Mr. Colston (sponsor)

Fourth Row: M. Young, M. Van Steenbergen, M. Birkenholtz, J. De Vries, M. Kees, M. Gorenberg, M. Schut, M. Stravers, E. Myers, Marilyn McFadden



FREEDMAN CLUB

There are thirty-four members in the Freedman Club, with Miss Laines as their sponsor. Mr. Van Lee is the president, Rhyllis Wheeler, vice-president, and Robert Van Lee, secretary-treasurer.

Front Row: Miss Laines(sponsor), R. Van Lee, L. Van Lee, I. Wicker, K. Gilbert, C. Certsma, A. de Bruyn, V. Pinkerton

Second Row: L. Furnov, M. Williams, J. Kellum, I. Shear, I. Marinus, L. Schinkel, L. Roberts, S. Arskine, D. Wicker

Third Row: Robert Van Lee, L. Brewer, M. Mandel, S. Jennings, A. Tice, K. Lowans, P. Patterson, D. Lorts

Fourth Row: L. Penlee, S. Patterson, J. Jack, M. Campbell, L. Birkenholtz, L. Ross, D. Selker, A. Penhold, L. Booth



BAND

Practice makes perfect! These girls are to be complimented on their efforts in keeping the band together after Mr. Brittoll, band instructor, resigned. The band members appreciate Miss Haines's cooperation after his departure.

The Prairie City High School Band has stimulated pep meetings and given performances on special occasions during the year. Together with several local musicians, they furnished entertainment for the concerts last summer.

The band personnel is as follows:

Front Row, left to right: Honnold, N. Schuttinga, H. Myers, Helm, M. L. McFadden, Shearer, M. Myers, Miss Haines.

Second Row: M. McFadden, Wiggins, Van Horn, Tice, De Wit, Buit-enverf, Cosby, Calvert.

Third Row: Schakel, Furnoy, Roberts, Jennings, M. Van Steenberg, Henken, M. Schuttinga, Mona Van Steenberg.



Boys' Glee Club

The membership of the Boys' Glee Club numbers six tenors and seven basses.

The organization is small but willing and the boys have enjoyed many a musical hour together. Although the classification of voices has been difficult, they have attained good harmony and blending.

During the year they concentrated on the songs of Romberg, Fenstad, Roberts, Cain, Speaks, Tchaikowsky, Scott and Sarony.

The favorite song of the group, "Days of Youth" by Sigmond Romberg, was chosen because of its lively spirit and meaningful words.

Those whose names are followed by *, are in Mixed Chorus and those followed by **, are in both Boys' Quartette and Mixed Chorus.

Front Row, left to right: Colston*, Churchill, Frank*, Scott-tinga, Miss Haines.

Second Row: Van Zee, Young*, Stravers, Steenhoek*.

Third Row: Fifer**, Elrod*, McFadden**, Vanderhart**, L. McFadden.



Girls' Glee Club

Out of the fifty-four tryouts, the above thirty girls were selected for Girls' Glee Club and the remaining twenty-four were entered in the music class.

The girls have tackled their assignments with enthusiasm, and diligently practiced their scales. Several of the girls are taking individual vocal lessons and have sung at various functions.

The glee Club in its entirety is a group of harmonious singers with no small amount of volume. Hoffmeister, Cruger, and Huerter are only a few of the many composers on which they have been working.

Those whose names are followed by *, are in Mixed Chorus.

Front Row, left to right: Harmison, Schakel, Wiggins*, Miss Haines, M.L. McFadden*, Jennings, Van Zee*, Vanderhart.

Second Row: M. McFadden*, Beerends, Cosby, Myers, M. Schuttinga*, Van Steenberg, Boatwright*.

Third Row: Shawhan, Vande Lune, Bowans, Roberts*, De Wit, Van Horn, Bauer, Honnold.

Fourth Row: Tice, Woodiell, Buitenwerf, Roorda, Henken*, Schutt*, Calvert, and M.A. Schuttinga.

Those in Girls' Sextet are: Marcia Ann Schuttinga, Joan De Wit, Marilyn Van Steenberg, Alberta Van Horn, Marilyn McFadden, Elise Buitenwerf. Accompanist, Kathryn Mae Henken.

Accompanist for Mixed Chorus: Marcia Ann Schuttinga.

Accompanist for Girls' and Boys' Glee Club: Elise Buitenwerf



FOOTBALL

First Row: R. Steinhilber, J. Tillman, J. Williams, J. Williams,

Second Row: L. McFadden, J. Young, L. Williams, L. Williams, McFadden, Coach Willson

Third Row: K. McFadden, H. Williams, H. Williams, J. Williams, J. Williams, Kane, R. Vanderhart

The boys went through several football games, winning five out of seven games. Many of the boys were injured on the field. The ten players mentioned are: Lawrence Williams, Lowell McFadden, Clarence Gilbert, Raymond Steinhilber, J. Williams, Harold Tillman, Harold Williams, Harold Williams, J. Williams, and Robert Vanderhart.

The following lettermen will appear: Lawrence Williams and J. Williams. We wish the boys many victories on the football field.



BOY BASKETBALL

The basketball boys enjoyed a successful season. They averaged more gains than losses leaving a fine record. They displayed skill which made Prairie City High School proud.

Next year we will miss the graduating seniors: Harold Timmons, Lowell Mc Fadden, Lawrence Mc Fadden, Raymond Steenhoek, and the service will probably call Lax Schuttinga. Darrell Steenhoek will be the only letterman returning. We leave our wishes for Good Luck to next year's team.

Front Row : M. Schuttinga, J. Colston, J. Frank, J. Young

Second Row: L. McFadden, H. Timmons, O. Elrod, Coach Willson

Back Row: K. McFadden (Manager), Lowell McFadden, D. Steenhoek, R. Steenhoek



GIRLS BASKETBALL

First Row: K. Vanderhart, M. Schakel, R. Higgins, M. L. McFadden
S. Shawhan, B. Schakel

Second Row: S. Jennings, M. Van Steenberg, M. McFadden, E.
Buitenwerf, J. De Wit, L. Furnoy

Third Row: Coach Willson, P. Cosby, V. Vande Lune, P. Shearer
H. Meyers

The basketball girls, after much hard work, showed excellent floor work and good guarding. They will lose two seniors, Elise Buitenwerf and Joan De Wit, but have a good prospective team, with the following lettermen returning: Ramona Higgins, Marilyn Van Steenberg, Marilyn McFadden, Mary Lou McFadden, Marjorie Lee Schakel, Shirley Shawhan and Shirley Jennings. Good luck!



LETTER CLUB OF '45

The Prairie City High School Letter Club was organized by a group of ambitious athletes in the early thirties. The purpose of the club was to create more interest in athletics.

There are three officers: president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. The vice-president is elected from the junior class and automatically becomes president the following year. The secretary-treasurer may be elected from any class, other than the senior class.

The members now holding office are: president, Lawrence McFadden; vice-president, Max Schuttinga; secretary-treasurer, Ramona Wiggins.

Anyone, who has been awarded a letter in athletics and has been voted in by a two-thirds majority of the old members is eligible for membership in the club. A meeting or session may be called at any time desired by the president.

The 1944 and '45 members consisted of twenty-two athletes. They have earned letters by participating in football, basketball or baseball, and also cheerleaders. Letters in basketball were awarded too late for this annual.

Members are as follows: Lawrence McFadden, Lowell McFadden, Clarence Gilbert, Harold Roberts, Max Schuttinga, Darrell Steenhoek, Johnny Young, Warren Ray Focher, Wayne Stravers, Eugene Osborn, Elise Buitwerf, Marilyn McFadden, Neola Schuttinga, Mary Lou McFadden, Lettie Helm, Ramona Wiggins, Joe Timmins, John Perry Kane, Marcia Ann Schuttinga, Marilyn Van Steenbergen, Raymond Steenhoek, Harold Timmons.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 28--Registration	Jan. 5--Mitchellville Here
Sept. 22--Sully Here, Football	Jan. 12--Carlisle There
Sept. 29--Mitchellville There	Jan. 16--Runnells There
Oct. 6--Monroe Here	Jan. 23--Colfax There
Oct. 13--Runnells Here	Feb. 1,2,3--County Tourney
Oct. 20--Talk by Mr. Kingdon	Feb. 9--Sully Here
Oct. 20--Monroe There	Feb. 13--Runnells Here
Oct. 27-28--Junior Class Play	Feb. 16--Monroe Here
Nov. 2--Pleasantville Here	Feb. 22--Junior-Senior Banquet
Nov. 7--Lecture--Mr. Ranney	Feb. 23--Mitchellville There
Nov. 10--Altoona There	Feb. 28--Boys Sectional
Dec. 5--Colfax Here B. B.	Mar. 27--The Parkinsons
Dec. 15--Monroe There	Senior Class Play
Dec. 21--Altoona Here	May 6--Baccalaureate
Dec. 22-Jan. 2--Christmas Vacation	May 10--Commencement
Dec. 29--Alumni	May 11--Last Day Picnics

FOOTBALL SCORES

Prairie City	42	Sully	6
Prairie City	14	Mitchellville	13
Prairie City	33	Monroe	0
Prairie City	13	Runnells	26
Prairie City	18	Monroe	26
Prairie City	12	Pleasantville	6
Prairie City	56	Altoona	13

BASKETBALL SCORES

BOYS'

P. C.	13	Colfax	24
P. C.	47	Monroe	15
P. C.	31	Altoona	24
P. C.	40	Alumni	24
P. C.	46	Mitchellville	26
P. C.	26	Carlisle	28
P. C.	38	Runnells	19
P. C.	21	Colfax	33
P. C.	24	Lynnville	12
P. C.	—	Mingo	—
P. C.	—	Sully	—
P. C.	—	Runnells	—
P. C.	—	Monroe	—
P. C.	—	Mitchellville	—
P. C.	—	Sectional	—

GIRLS'

P. C.	26	Colfax	47
P. C.	19	Monroe	41
P. C.	40	Altoona	42
P. C.	25	Alumni	38
P. C.	29	Mitchellville	43
P. C.	10	Carlisle	38
P. C.	26	Runnells	19
P. C.	23	Colfax	44
P. C.	—	Sectional	—
P. C.	—	Sully	—
P. C.	—	Runnells	—
P. C.	—	Monroe	—
P. C.	—	Mitchellville	—

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